



**UNIVERSITY ESTATES
NORTH
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

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**THE
BUZZ**

President's Letter

**National Night Out Evening and Our UENHA Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 6th,
6:00-7:30 P.M., to be Held at The Women's Club, Wishing Well Area**

As I said in my last letter, this is a wonderful time to come and meet your neighbors.

Come and feast on a nutritious dinner of "specialty catered cuisine", including chicken sandwiches, pizza, specialty salads and cookies for dessert. Remember, if you are a member **your dinner is free –a reason to join your HOA.** While talking to the "people you recognize, and want to meet, as I see you all the time, but haven't yet", we will feed you, entertain you with music, present a short program, and have you listen to our Councilman, Mark Solomon, (Mark.Solomon@cor.gov) as our guest speaker – to enlighten us with the upcoming bond package, as well as anything else relating to our city. Hopefully we will also be able to ask him questions that concern our neighborhood or other issues pertaining to Richardson.

We are including in this "BUZZ", a "**Know Your Neighbor Sign Up Sheet**". This sheet is primarily for your benefit, as it has places for your neighbor's names, addresses and phone numbers - on either side of you, across your alley, and across your street. Your Board has approved a **prize for anyone that fills it out, and brings us a copy to NNO/ Annual Meeting (you keep the original for your use).**

We also need to put together a new neighborhood directory, as it has been a few years since the last one. We are looking for ways to do this, as well as volunteers to help gather data and set it up for the printer. We will be talking with our neighbor, Jim, who did the last one, for his input. So we are looking for help in getting the new directory done and ready for print the 1st quarter of 2016, **to be distributed to all members of UENHA. This is another reason to join your HOA** this year, if you have not yet joined.

Your Board has also approved a drawing for door prizes for those in attendance, **so here is another reason to join,** and come to **your** Annual HOA Meeting. There will be door prizes for the kids as well. **Another reason to join your HOA!**

So please come to show your solidarity with the neighborhood against crime (we do count heads, and get credit for attendance) - **THIS IS ANOTHER REASON TO JOIN AND COME!**

See you on Tuesday evening, October 6th !!!!!!! PLEASE RSVP TO: DAVID@ROFFINO.COM, or home # 972-690-6469, w# of persons, by Friday October 3rd, so we have an accurate count for dinner.

We hope to see everyone there! (In the event of rain, Plan "B" will be on Nextdoor.com, so please get in on this great neighborhood news website soon!!)

Don't forget, bring canned goods for The Network!

Santa's Sleigh is December 13th.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMEWATCH by Jim Arnett

As a volunteer with the Richardson Police Department, I attend a quarterly update meeting conducted by Chief Jimmy Spivey. At a recent meeting he made it official – crime IS down in Richardson. This is remarkable because crime rates had previously dropped to levels thought by some to be at or close to the minimums for a community of our size. By comparison, crime rates are consistently higher in communities around us. Oh, about that volunteer work with RPD – it's really exciting. I get to shuttle police vehicles to and from the service center off of Plano Rd. (no playing with lights and sirens, no handling of the guns).

Our neighborhood membership on the **Nextdoor.com** website continues to grow. We now have 256 individuals signed up representing 188 residences. That's 60% of the homes in UEN. **Nextdoor.com** is a fantastic resource for all of us. Think of it as that bulletin board we used to see in the grocery store with all kinds of notes posted with things for sale, lost/found pets, help wanted, recommendations, and lots more. Our Nextdoor site shares information with almost 2,400 people living in the neighborhoods immediately around us. Very important for all of us – Richardson Police Department uses Nextdoor to share safety and community information as well as get crime alerts out to us. If you are on the UEN **Nextdoor.com** site, thanks. If you are not yet on Nextdoor, please consider joining.

It time again for National Night Out and I hope you'll be joining your neighbors for our annual meeting, community picnic, and some all-round fun. Please remember that our NNO night is also an opportunity to support Richardson's Network of Community Ministries with donations of non-perishable (and non-expired) food items. Please be generous and if, for some reason you cannot make it to the NNO meeting and still want to contribute, give me a call at 972-644-8307 and I will personally come by and pick up your donation!

REDISCOVERING OUR COMMUNITY

by Jerry Nichols, Vice President

"Everything you want is on the other side of fear." (Jack Canfield, author) Overcoming fear is what Crime Watchers and the police are all about. On National Night Out we will get to meet these people who watch over us. As Joe Biden, Vice President, says, "National Night Out brings neighbors together with the people who protect them." This annual event sends a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhood is organized and fighting back.

As grateful as we are for those entrusted with law enforcement, perhaps the greatest deterrent to crime is a closely knit community. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, past U.S. Senator, says, "The best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors. National Night Out is an opportunity to come out of your isolation and rediscover your community."

The key question in community building is, "So, how are you doing?" When was the last time you said that to your neighbor? All around you are people who need your encouragement: a neighbor kid whose mom needs a break, young parents who miss having the grandparents around, a neighbor who just lost their job, immigrants who feel terribly alone because of the language barrier, the elderly who struggle with depression due to sickness and the fear of losing their independence, etc.

Caring for the weak and discouraged is at the heart of community building. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Only when the smallest link is in place will the chain be unbroken." And, to quote another person, "Snowflakes are frail, but when enough of them stick together they can stop traffic." Together we can be a powerful force in combating crime.

Police protection and a closely knit community are a blessing. But don't forget someone else who is watching over us. Let's be thankful for God's protection! We can't "see around the corner" but He can. Put your hope in him. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but we still set the alarm. That's hope.

Yard of the Month Winners for July, August and September

(Be sure to check the UENHA website for monthly tips from our good friends at Calloway's)

Timely Tips for October Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery

Usher in the autumn season with creative displays for indoors and out! Transformation quickly occurs with pots of mums, pansies, cabbages and ornamental peppers when combined with pumpkins, gourds and bales of hay.

Create a spectacular vignette in your landscape with bales of hay, a scarecrow or two, multiple sizes of pumpkins and gourds, pots of garden mums, corn stalks and for more texture consider adding old tools, a set of antlers or birdhouses. The autumn color palette offers a myriad of wonderful colors from which to choose; purples, rusts, gold's, yellows, oranges, deep greens and browns can be used. Whether you are mixing colors or working with only one, use color abundantly to create massive appeal. Create a pyramid of pumpkins and gourds by selecting different colors and stacking them one on top of the other. Simply displaying a "pile" of pumpkins in the same color palette and different sizes will draw ones eye and interest to an area of your landscape.

Color Creations filled with blooming or colorful foliage plants can be used on patios and porches. Freshen up existing containers by nestling an interesting pumpkin or gourd in amongst the plants. Fill a favorite basket or pot with a mixture of produce for a simple, impressive look. Add a bit of nature into your containers with branches, corn husks, berries and other materials to enhance the overall look.

If you did not apply a pre-emergent herbicide to your lawn in September; apply it by the first two weeks of October. You should also fertilize your St. Augustine or Bermuda lawns no later than the first week of October.

October is bulb buying month. They are in fresh supply and will provide welcome late winter and early spring color for the landscape. Refrigerate Tulips and Hyacinth bulb for at least 45 to 60 days to provide enough chilling to bloom properly. Plant them in late November or early December.

In-Store Garden Series

Saturday, October 3rd at 10:15 am – *The Art of Fall Landscape Decorating*

Saturday, October 10th at 10:15 am – *Long Lasting Fall & Winter Color for Texas Landscapes*

Saturday, October 17th at 10:15 am – *Tulips, Daffodils & More....Secrets to a Fabulous Spring Show*

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Yard of the Month Winners	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Sec. 1:	2004 Oakwood	2108 Portsmouth	2111 Portsmouth
Sec. 2	2005 Brandeis	2105 Belleview	2009 Ridge Creek
Sec. 3:	1801 Normandy	1803 Chestnut Hill	1911 Campbell Tr.
Sec. 4:	2109 Sky Ridge Cr.	2009 Oakwood	1902 Chestnut Hill

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FINE HOMES KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFUL !

Free Membership for 2016 : Fill it out and bring it to NNO!

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

It's the best crime prevention tool you have.

If you see suspicious activity at your neighbor's home, call the Police/911 first, then your neighbor



ACROSS THE STREET

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



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Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



ACROSS THE STREET

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
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Work Phone: _____

YOUR STREET



NEXT DOOR

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



YOUR HOUSE

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



NEXT DOOR

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____

YOUR ALLEY



BEHIND NEXT DOOR

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



BEHIND YOUR HOUSE

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____



BEHIND NEXT DOOR

Address: _____
Name(s): _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 911



Welcome to our Flag Program

University Estates North has partnered with the Richardson Central Rotary Club in their Patriotic Flag Program. For a fee of \$7.00 per flag holiday, which also benefits local scout troops, there will be a 6' tall flag pole and flag installed in front of your home. The five holidays are: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day coupled with 9-11, and Veteran's Day. If you would like to participate for 2016, Please contact our neighborhood volunteers, Stella Daniel at 214-546-6356 or Tracey Huffman at 469-235-0498 to place your order or bring your check to NNO.

Thank you in advance for your support. The flags certainly make a statement in our neighborhood!

Welcome to the "hood"

The Housing market has really taken off this year and new folks are moving in all the time. Get to know and welcome your new neighbors and hopefully we will see all of them and you at our NNO meeting on the 6th!

Find us on the Web

Did you know that our HOA is on the World Wide Web? Just go to www.uenha.org to see what informational things can be found. Just under our banner are a series of topics each leading to specific areas of interest. Our ACTIVITY page lists various events not only for our HOA but also some Richardson events. Looking for the contact info on a board member? Take a look at the BOARD MEMBERS page. Board meeting dates are listed on the MEETINGS page. Did you know that Calloway's Nursery gives our yard of the month winners a \$25 gift certificate? Look on the YARD OF THE MONTH page for timely tips from Calloway's. Ever wondered what to do about those Box Elder Bugs? Don't know what a Box Elder Bug is? Just look on the CITY BUG page for articles on many of the bugs in our area. There is also a link to the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension. Don't know how to become a member? Look at the MEMBERSHIP page, fill out the form and return it to our treasurer with your \$25 dues. Have an adorable pet that you'd like the world to see? See the PETS ON PARADE page.

Take your time and explore what information is presented.

University Estates North Homeowners Association (UENHA)
2016 Membership Information

Your membership of \$25.00 entitles you to receive a copy of the current directory (if not previously received) and future updates as well as future newsletters. Your dues also allow the homeowners association to host several social events including the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Annual Meeting/National Night Out Event, and Holiday Lights Party as well as to fund the beautification projects throughout the neighborhood. **Your name and address will be added to the UENHA directory database unless you circle NO below.**

Include my name in the UENHA directory: **YES NO** (Circle one)
My signature authorizes to include me in the Crimewatch.

Signature of Homeowner: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY (Enter only that information which you wish to have included in the directory)

Telephones(s): Home (_____) _____ - _____
 His work (_____) _____ - _____
 Her work (_____) _____ - _____
 Cell (_____) _____ - _____
 _____ (_____) _____ - _____

E_MAIL(s): _____

(Used for UENHA purposes only)

Children and Birthday _____
(Month/Day optional) _____

Pets and Descriptions _____
(To identify help lost pets) _____

Please mail or deliver this completed form and your \$25.00 check (made out to **UENHA**) to:

Jeff Burrows
UENHA Treasurer
2013 Brandeis Drive
Richardson, TX 75082

MEMBERSHIP PREIOD IS 1/1/2016 THRU 12/31/2016